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EAST SIDE PAIN GANG MEMBER SENTENCED TO 10 YEARS IN FEDERAL PRISON

LOS ANGELES – East Side Pain gang member Tyus Newborn was sentenced to 120 months federal imprisonment, by U.S. District Court, Central District of California Judge Robert M. Takasuji, for violation of Title 21, United States Code, Section 841(a)(1), (b)(1)(A)(iii), distribution of 50 grams or more of cocaine base.

Special Agent in Charge John A. Torres, of the Los Angeles Field Division of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF), is pleased with the sentence imposed on Newborn under the Project Safe Neighborhoods (PSN) program.

“Today’s sentence reinforces that ATF will not put up with armed gang violence and the drug trade that fuels it,” Torres said. “This is an outstanding example of the combined weight of federal and local law enforcement joining forces and bringing these gang members to justice.”

In July 2007, 43 East Side Pain gang members and associates, who operated in the troubled “Ghost Town” section of South Los Angeles, were arrested by federal and local law enforcement authorities on narcotics and weapons charges. ATF and the Los Angeles Police Department executed 22 search warrants, seizing guns, marijuana, crack cocaine and cash.

The PSN program combats gun violence by bringing together local, state and federal law enforcement officials, prosecutors and community leaders to implement a comprehensive, strategic approach to reducing gun violence and promoting safe communities in the United States. ATF is the lead federal law enforcement agency in the PSN initiative, investigating violent firearms offenders, firearms traffickers, and gangs who use firearms.

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